

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 3890 – HB 3738

March 25, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015428): Deletes Section 2 of the bill and prohibits the sale of seeds that have been genetically modified to cause the plant produced by the seed or the second generation of seeds to be sterile. Exempts ornamental shrubbery.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$48,000

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to the Department of Agriculture, any required testing would be outsourced to a testing facility that is capable of determining the terminator gene.
- The Department estimates there will be 150 samples tested each year at a cost of \$320 per sample (\$300 per test + \$20 shipping costs).
- Total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$48,000 (150 x \$320).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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